

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Jones et al.

Serial No.: **10/574,303**  
Filed: November 2, 2006  
For: DEWATERING TREATMENT SYSTEM  
AND METHOD

Group Art Unit: 1795  
Confirmation No.: **2243**  
Examiner: Arun S. Phasge

**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This is in reply to the Office Action mailed April 2, 2010. Restriction has been requested from among the following Groups of claims:

- I. Claims 1-15, drawn to an apparatus for reducing the liquid content of a material.
- II. Claims 16-19, drawn to a method of removal of liquid from a material.
- III. Claim 20, drawn to a method of modifying a conventional apparatus.

Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, viz. claims 1-15, without traverse. Solely for purposes of responding to the restriction requirement, and without prejudice to the interpretation of applicants' in any other context, all of the elected claims may be said to "encompass" the elected invention.

Favorable examination and allowance are respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney if there any questions regarding this application.